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Frederick N. Clarke  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Commissioner:

In reply to your letter of January 22, inquiring concerning fees on permits for the registration of motor vehicles, please be advised that it is the opinion of this office that the calendar year of manufacture is controlling. In reading R. L., c. 116, s. 20, officials charged with interpreting same should conform to an interpretation which reads "current year of manufacture" as calendar year.

Thus, a 1953 model car manufactured in 1952 would require a permit fee equal to 17 mills only during the year 1952. If this car, purchased under the label of 1953 model, was registered in 1953 for the balance of the registration period, to wit, until April 1, 1953, a permit fee equal to 12 mills for the remainder of the 1952 registration year would be the proper charge.

This interpretation is substantially similar to that previously submitted by this office in March of 1951 also in response to an inquiry from your office and with reference to a request for advices from the town clerk of Epping, New Hampshire.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Louis C. Wyman  
Attorney General

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